

PTA Meeting Minutes March 2, 2010

PTA President Jacque Carey called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

There was a motion to approve the minutes from the December PTA meeting. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

Principal's Report

Principal Oduyoye thanked the PTA for the gift baskets for the holidays.

Cultural Arts Assembly (primary & intermediate) – All was engaged and well received. Ms. Macklin focused on the importance of reading.

Governor O'Malley & First Lady O'Malley are making a special request for parents to read to their children for 15-20 minutes per day.

Education is Partners. Two 5th graders will be honored in Towson. Five students were selected for the Honor Band. Two students participated in Reflections program. Four students participated in Young Authors program. The 1st Spirit day collected funds for Haiti Relief efforts. Approximately \$2,000 was raised. Funds transferred to MD State Dept. of Education that is connected to the Red Cross.

Five days will be made up at end of school year. Last day of school is June 23rd. Two Professional days will be used as make up days. April 1st will be a full day instead of ½ day.

MSA starts on March 7th for 3rd – 5th graders.

March 5th – 1st graders Authors Tea

March 5th – PTA 1st Friday at Chick FilA

March 15th – Interim Report Cards

March 12th – Howard County Spelling Bee. One 5th grader will represent GCES at Howard High School.

March 31st – 1st graders are going to MD Science Center
Parent/Teacher conferences are cancelled.

President's Report

Teachers Appreciation was cancelled.

Please talk to neighbors about shoveling snow near school and to drive slowly.

Cars are still skipping carpool lane. Please advise parents to wait patiently in line.

Ms. Isacco noticed parents are picking students up near side parking lot. They are blocking teachers' cars. Auxiliary police is not directing traffic properly 100% of time.

Please continue to talk to neighbors about patience with drop off and pick up.

Treasurer's Report

The cash balance at 12/31/2009 was \$16,738.07; balance at 1/31/2010 was \$15,454.42 and balance at 2/28/2010 was \$15,180.92.

Flower Power and Yankee Candle are our spring fundraisers (1st Time). Flowers are sent directly to homes. Delivery will occur the 1st week of May. GCES receives 50% profit.

Yankee Candle delivers to the school. GCES receives 40% profit. May 4th is the delivery date. We will need volunteers to help with delivery. PTA needs to submit permit for bldg use.

Amy has served as Treasurer for 2 years. We will need a replacement for the next school year. Amy will be available for the transition. We need to form an Audit committee of 3 people.

Carnival is scheduled for 1st Friday in June (June 4th). Our April meeting will be held on 4/13 – 2nd Tuesday after Spring Break. Our May meeting (May 4th) will be the last PTA for school year. Nominations for PTA Board for 2010/2011 school year will be announced at Spring Concert.

Committee Reports

After School activities – Golf was cancelled. High registration for Mad Science, Basketball and Drama. The Drama production can be a PTA fundraiser. Scheduled for May 21st once county approves. Girls Night/Boys Night has been postponed. Domino Club for 3rd graders start in March

Cultural Arts – Howard County showcase cancelled. March 26th (Foot works) 2 performances. May 20th Folk Music still scheduled.

Ms. Isacco met with Howard County PTA and Director Cousins. The PTA was commended.

Old business – none

New business – none

The PTA meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.